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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE AUSTRALIAN PRESENCE AT UNC/REAR, JAPAN

1. AUSTRALIAN ADVANCE PARTY IN WASHINGTON IN CONNECTION WITH PM FRASER'S VISIT HAS ASKED USG VIEWS ON AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION IN UN COMMAND/REAR, JAPAN. THEY POINTED OUT THAT WITH UK DECISION TO SUPPLY PERSONNEL BASIC PROBLEM OF PRESERVATION UN SOFA NOW APPEARS SOLVED. THEY REQUEST USG GUIDANCE ON WHETHER WE STRONGLY DESIRE AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION IN ADDITION TO THAT OF UK. AUSTRALIANS HAVE CLEARLY INDICATED THAT THEY DISPOSED TO BE HELPFUL IF WE HAVE GOOD REASONS FOR REITERATING OUR REQUEST TO THEM.

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2. OUR PRELIMINARY REACTION IS THAT THERE IS NO NEED TO

PRESS AUSTRALIANS FURTHER AT THIS TIME. WE ARE CONSIDERING WHETHER TO SAY THAT (A) IMMEDIATE PROBLEM IS NOW SOLVED BY UK ACTION (B) WE DO NOT NOW URGE AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION AND (C) WE MIGHT RAISE SUBJECT AGAIN WITH AUSTRALIA, IF OUR ASSESSMENT CHANGES.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY TOKYO ADVISE WHETHER, IN YOUR JUDGMENT, UK PRESENCE AS ALREADY INDICATED WILL BE SUFFICIENT FOR GOJ PURPOSES. IF YOU DEEM ADVISABLE, YOU MAY SEEK

INFORMALLY GOJ VIEWS. WE NEED YOUR RESPONSE BY WASHINGTON OPENING OF BUSINESS MONDAY, JULY 26. ROBINSON

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